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1ST SESSION

S. 1480

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 1995

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE**
4 **PRESIDENT DURING GOVERNMENT SHUT-**
5 **DOWNS.**

6 (a) COMPARABLE PAY TREATMENT FOR MEMBERS
7 OF CONGRESS.—The basic pay of Members of Congress
8 shall be treated in the same manner as the basic pay of

1 the most adversely affected Federal employees who are not
2 compensated for any period in which—

3 (1) there is more than a 24-hour lapse in ap-
4 propriations for any Federal agency or department
5 as a result of a failure to enact a regular appropria-
6 tions bill or continuing resolution; or

7 (2) the Federal Government is unable to make
8 payments or meet obligations because the public
9 debt limit under section 3101 of title 31, United
10 States Code, has been reached.

11 (b) **AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS.**—
12 The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Administrative
13 Officer of the House of Representatives shall promulgate
14 any regulations needed to implement this section in a
15 manner consistent with the Constitution of the United
16 States.

17 (c) **COMPARABLE PAY TREATMENT FOR THE PRESI-**
18 **DENT OF THE UNITED STATES.**—The basic pay of the
19 President of the United States shall be treated in the same
20 manner as the pay of Members of Congress described in
21 subsection (a).

22 (d) **SEVERABILITY.**—If any provision of this section
23 is held invalid by any Federal court, the remaining provi-
24 sions shall remain valid.

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